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AND PRICE LIST

—OF—

Pedigree Seed Potatoes

—CHOICE—

STRAWBERRY PLANTS etc.

Grown and For Sale at the

Somerset Fruit and Plant Farm,

—BY—

JOHN W. HALL,

Marion Station,

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Somerset Co., Md.

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Being on the line of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad,
we have unsurpassed facilities for prompt safe and cheap ship-
ments North, East, South and West.

Perry & Hearn, Printers, Salisbury, Md.

Please Read Carefully.

I take pleasure in submitting herewith my Special Seed and Plant Catalogue, etc., for 1897. Our business has grown beyond all expectations. For this we thank our many friends who have so kindly favored us with their patronage, for by their aid, together with our own special pains in filling orders promptly, correctly and above all, true to name, to that we owe our prosperity. Upon this foundation our business was started and upon this it will continue to flourish. It has ever been our motto to supply honest goods at fair prices. We have no fear of holding the trade of those who have once dealt with us. Of our new friends we only ask for a trial order, and we feel that you will be so well pleased that you will continue to give us your orders, I am confident that a careful perusal of the following pages will convince you that it is to your advantage to do so. We could fill pages of testimonials but want of space, and if we can please others we can please you; so give us a trial this spring and be convinced. Our aim is to tell the truth, and describe everything honestly.

TERMS, ETC.

Orders from unknown parties must be accompanied with the cash or satisfactory reference before shipment. In ordering, be particular to give name and address—not only name and postoffice address, but express or freight office, and state by what method and route you prefer shipped. I deliver all goods free on board cars or to express companies, making no charge for case or packing. I will make a discount on early orders to help me over the rush at the busy season. All orders sent me with pay during the month of February may be discounted **7 per Cent.**, March **6 per cent.** Should I be out of any variety ordered, I will substitute others of equal or greater value unless otherwise ordered.

We invite correspondence.

HOW TO SEND MONEY.

By Registered Letter, Draft or by check to my order, or by Postoffice Money Order on Marion Station, Md.

REFERENCES—Postmaster, Adams Express Agent, at Marion Station, or Bank of Crisfield, Crisfield, Md. Address all letters and communications to

J. W. HALL,

Somerset Co.

MARION STATION, MD.

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WHY ORDER EARLY.

Demand has so increased for second crop seed my acreage has been larger every year, and for the past several years, unable to fill them and obliged to return many. I am satisfied that I never had seed that would give better satisfaction for a fine and large crop than the ones I have this season. Orders for all other stock should be received as soon as possible, the sooner the better. Orders will be acknowledged as received and forwarded as soon as weather permits, for spring planting, potatoes for the south can be shipped almost any time through the winter. The barrels I send out are round hoop flour barrels. When so desired will pack two or more kinds in the same barrel without extra expense. My seed potatoes will please.

WHY THEY ARE SUPERIOR TO HOME OR NORTHERN GROWN SEED.

The advantage of second crop seed over one crop or home grown seed are that they do not sprout, or shrivel, or lose one particle of their vigor through the winter, having been checked before maturity by frost. They lie dormant, ready to grow most vigorous when planted. They rarely send up more than one sprout. This sprout may divide into several branches, the consequence is that all the growth goes into the tubers, they do not form as many tubers to the hill as matured seed and they grow full marketable size, 12 to 15 days earlier than ordinary seed with very few small ones; they are more profitable, because of their uniform size, they come after planting nearly all at once strong, vigorous. Not only in a wet season are our second crop seed potatoes so much superior to one crop seed but in case of drought the superiority of second crop seed is always demonstrated. They do not send up as large quantity of shoots and vines to suck the moisture from the ground in case of drought. Our customers report the superior size of the potatoes from our seed. We grow second crop exclusively for planting purposes in a favorable season. These potatoes grow rapidly and reach good size but if small they will produce a fine crop. They are also superior for eating purposes.

TRUE SECOND CROP SEED POTATOES.

I advertised these second crop seed potatoes for the first time in 1883, and I was the only one for eleven years. When we offered these seed potatoes we were certain that our enterprise would grow from the start and prove a success. We had tried them several years before advertising them for sale and it was only necessary for growers North, East, South and West to give them a trial and the results were just what we expected, larger and more profitable potatoes everywhere than any one crop on matured seed, no matter where grown. In early potatoes we have nothing but true pedigree second crop seed. The number of years that we have been selling these seed we never have had a customer to say that we have ever sent him anything but second crop seed. Thousands of barrels of the so-called second crop seed are sold every year for seed especially North. Second crop seed potatoes are still a novelty and it is only necessary to try them to be convinced of their merits. The agricultural papers in the past few years have had much to say about these second crop seed and I have published several articles from the press.

CHOICE SEED AND NEW BLOOD VERY ESSENTIAL.

What I mean by pedigree is, the concentrated extract of skill and care by raising it so the product will be too valuable for mere eating. My system of second cropping and by using only good sized, smooth, carefully selected and pure seed, they have not deteriorated, but constantly improve year by year. High breeding is just as much a necessity in the case of potatoes as in that of cattle or sheep, and as with stock, a considerable advantage can be gained by purchasing good seed at the start. To take the average crop of potatoes as grown on the farm and attempt to improve by selecting the best would improve about as fast as to take common scrub animals of any kind. The Early Rose was the first potato that we second cropped, and they have improved all the time. These second crop potatoes can only be grown successfully in localities favored with long seasons, and only early varieties can be grown. No better section in the United States than this for growing second crop seed.

Why use or buy poor seed when you can get good ones? In order to grow a good crop of potatoes we must have good seed to start with. It is very poor economy to save \$1.00 or even \$1.50 or more per barrel between good and poor seed. It costs as much in every other way to raise a good crop from poor seed as from good, while in nearly every case the difference in THE VALUE of good seed with deteriorated sorts, realizing a small yield each year from them will find it to their advantage to change their seed and secure an increased yield with the same outlay of land and labor. Second crop potatoes are hard to grow and I cannot compete in price with ordinary one crop seed. It is our business to raise the best seed potatoes that grow.

TWO KINDS OF SO-CALLED SECOND CROP POTATOES.

There are many late crop potatoes raised from seed kept over, these are being sold as second crop seed north. These are planted early in July and reach maturity, and will sprout in the kiln just as bad as northern seed. This kind of a second crop is really not different from the very late crop grown in various sections of the north. They are merely late potatoes usually stopped before fully matured by frost. Growers who want to try true Second Crop Seed should be sure to get potatoes raised from the early crop of the same season. True second crop potatoes are those grown from seed that is taken from an early crop of the same season.

If you plant potatoes, you want a good yield. It will pay you to buy your seed stock from us if early varieties of great yield is what you want, we have a number of different potato growers who buy largely and regularly every year, because they find it pays them to do so. Why plant home grown, or northern seed and get 80 to 150 bushels per acre, why not plant our second crop seed and get 200 to 400 bushels per acre of fine potatoes as many others have done?

Counterfeit Second Crop Seed Potatoes.

From Prof. W. F. Massey, Agricultural Experiment Station, North Carolina, published in Practical Farmer, Philadelphia, July 6, 1896:—The growing importance of the second crop of potatoes raised in the South, especially for seed, and the fact that there are a great many people even in the south who do not fully understand the superiority of the real second crop for spring planting, induces me to give these questions a fuller answer than we usually give in the regular query department. So much has been said in regard to the value of these second crop potatoes for spring planting that many persons North have been induced to try them there. Where the true second crop seed potatoes have been used, the verdict is favorable to their use. But unfortunately in the development of any new process, there are always some who try to palm off counterfeits for the real thing. Last fall before the second crop potatoes being grown for seed in the South were fairly under way in growth, there were parties advertising second crop seed ready to ship in October; the growers in the Middle States evidently imagining that any late grown Fall crop were second crop potatoes. The Fall crop, so advertised was from localities north of the sections where the true second crop can be produced with certainty, and their potatoes were simply late potatoes grown from the seed of the previous year and fully matured. Potatoes of this class when tried North will of course be found inferior to the seed grown there, for they will sprout in the cellar even more readily than the Northern grown seed; and it is one point of not sprouting before planting which gives the southern second crop its superiority.

Second Crop Seed Potatoes The Best.

BY PROF. J. TROOP, OF INDIANA, IN AMERICAN AGRICULTURIST.

In reply to numerous questions concerning second crop seed potatoes, I will say that in the spring of 1895 we procured a barrel of these potatoes from Louisville, Ky., and planted them in trenches, the tubers being cut to two eye pieces and planted with one piece in a place, 18 inches apart. At the same time our northern grown seed (single crop) was planted in a similar manner. At harvest time it was found that the second crop seed was ripe 10 days before the other, and the average yield was about 12 per cent greater than from the northern grown seed.

In order to see if this influence would extend beyond a single crop, we saved seed from the '95 crop and planted it again this year, alongside of seed of the same variety grown in the ordinary way, and the results are still more surprising. Both kinds were planted on April 15, and in the same manner, as last year. On July 4, the second crop potatoes were ripe and ready to harvest, while the other rows adjoining were not ripe till July 27. The yield was 234 bushels per acre in the first instance, and 203 bushels in the second.

Another very important feature of this experiment was manifest in the keeping qualities of the two crops. While many of those from the ordinary seed were rotting at digging time, and nearly all have rotted since, the others were perfectly sound when harvested, and only an occasional one has shown signs of decay up to the present time. Some of this dissimilarity is probably due to the difference in the climate conditions which obtained at the time of and before digging. Up to the time of the first digging, the weather had been comparatively dry, but before the others were harvested the heavy rains had completely saturated the soil, thus rendering the conditions much more favorable for decay in the second place than in the first. However, granting that this was the main cause of failure on the one hand, the difference of more than 20 days in the time of ripening in favor of the "second crop," made it possible to secure the crop in perfect condition in the one case and not in the other.

From Farm Journal, Philadelphia, Pa., March number 1895:—Many farmers are successfully planting seed potatoes grown in the south known as second crop seed which means that they were grown late from first crop seed and that they retain through the winter their freshness and are in condition to grow with vigor in the spring. J. W. Hall of Marion Station, Md., was the first to bring second crop seed to the attention of Northern planters.

From the Farm and Fireside; Springfield, Ohio, March 15, 1895:—The potato grower who has a home market for his crop and wants to be first in that market will find it to his advantage to use second crop seed potatoes. These tubers, if small, are full of vitality, and whether planted whole or cut send up but one sprout. The plants grow vigorously and the new tubers grow to marketable size in less time than those from ordinary seed. For an extra early crop growers will make no mistake in planting the true second crop seed of good varieties of potatoes. In the south two crops of potatoes are often grown the same season. The second plant is made in mid summer with seed from the first crop. The second crop grows until frost and its product is the true second seed recommended.

From Gardning, Chicago, Ill., April number. 1895:—Good potatoes for amateur to grow. I consider the two best potatoes to grow are the Thorburn for early, and the State of Main for late and main crop. Were I to plant only one

variety I would plant puritan. This is a trifle later than Thorbourn. These three varieties are first in quality, they also have the merits of productiveness and giving a larger share of their tubers in size and smooth. I have always grown the nicest early potatoes from second crop seed, grown in Maryland by J. W. Hall of Marion Station. The true second crop are sure to sprout and grow, are earlier and produces fewer small ones.

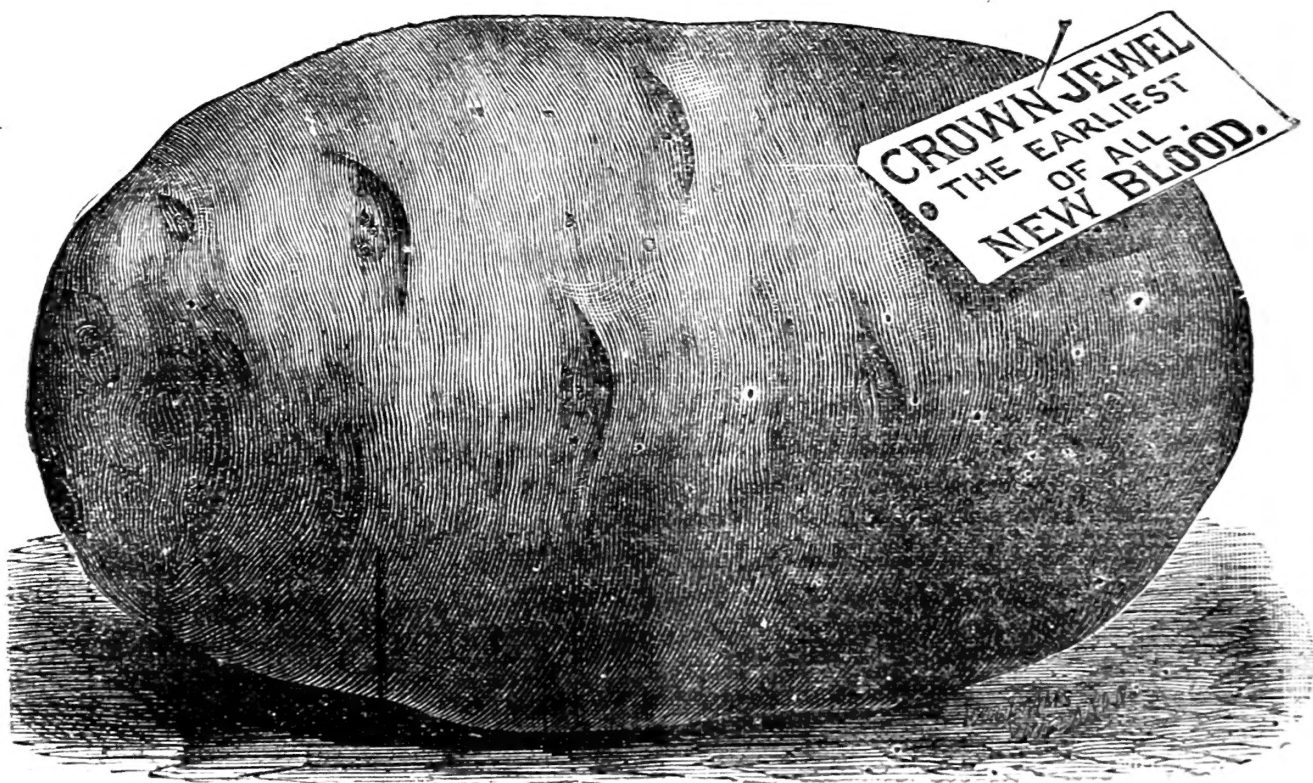
Silas L. Albertson, Long Island N. Y.

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Description of Hall's Pedigree 2d Crop Seed Potatoes

I put on the market second crop seed of only the very best and most prolific early varieties, knowing they do well North, East, South and West. There are so many new varieties largely advertised, which have no special merit, that we endeavor to offer those that we know to be the best.

Potatoes by Mail—The price of all varieties except when noted is 30 cts. per pound or 4 pounds for \$1.00, post paid to any address.



CROWN JEWEL—Every claim we have made for it has been fully substantiated by our potato growers all over the country. It is a seedling of the Early Ohio. The seed balls were found in a large field of that well known variety and it partakes of all the pure and unadulterated qualities of its excellent parent. Its skin is white with a flesh tint, pure, white and floury, cooking evenly through. The vines grow vigorous, the roots extend very deep into the soil, thus resisting drought. Its keeping qualities are equal to the best, making it one of the very best early potatoes grown. Try Hall's High Bred Second Crop Crown Jewel. Price per peck, 60c; bushel, \$1.60; barrel \$4.

BLISS TRIUMPH—Is an early variety. This has given satisfaction particularly in the south. Very productive and excellent quality. Price per peck 60c; bushel, \$1.75; barrel, \$4.

VICK'S EARLY PRIDE Introduced by E. H. Vick, Rochester, N. Y. Pro-



nounced by those who planted it on trial to be superior to all early sorts. They grow smooth, large size, and are in fact a first class potato as to yielding quality, and all that goes to make a No. 1 potato. This with me has proved a fine early potato. It is one of the finest rose potatoes we have. Send in your order for this valuable new early variety. It is a good one and it will please you. Peck 65 cents; bushel, \$1.75; barrel, \$4.50.

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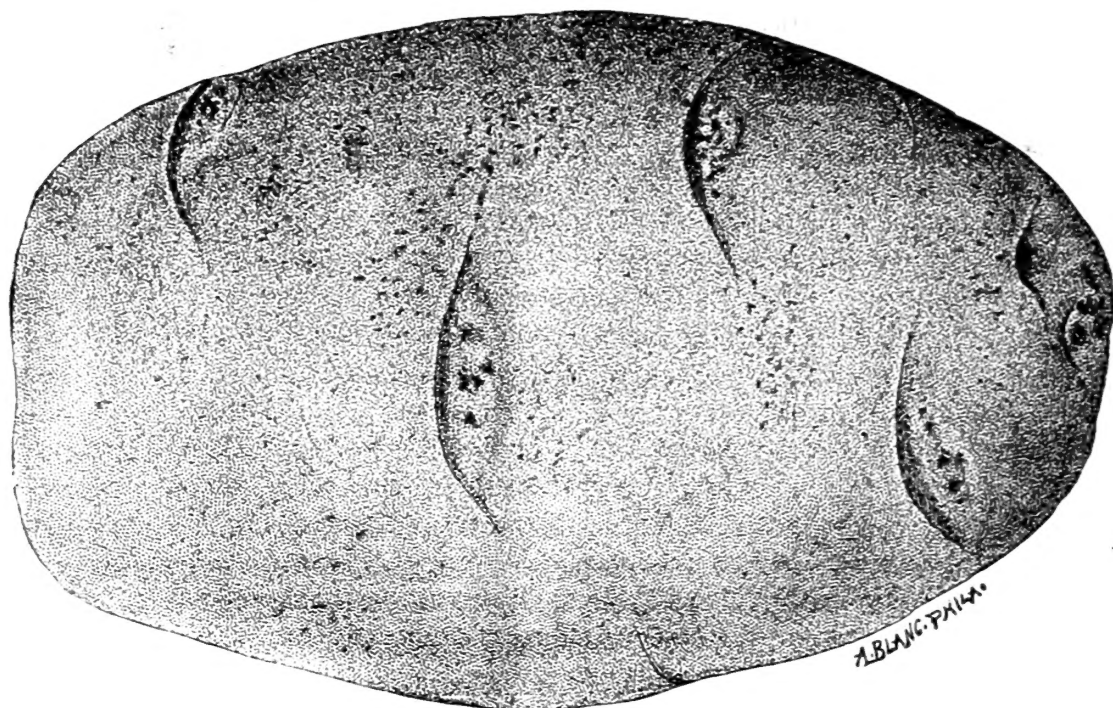
—Originated by Geo. W. P. Jerrad, Maine. It is an early potato adapted to all kinds of soil. In shape, color and season of ripening it duplicates its parents, Early Rose, Eating qualities good. Peck 75 cts; bushel, \$1.75; barrel, \$4.

NORTH POLE—

This potato was put on the market by John Lewis Childs, New York, as the earliest of all potatoes. This is the same type as the Early Rose. Some of my

NEW SEEDLING NO. 1—VICK'S EARLY PRIDE. customers like it much better than the Rose. It is a good one. Price per peck, 60c; bushel, \$1.75; barrel, \$4.

THE POLARIS—This potato originated in northern Vermont. It seems to be the identical both in growth and appearance to Henderson's Early Puritan. Price the same as Early Puritan.



EARLY ROSE.

EARLY ROSE.—Is the standard potato. From this many of the newer sorts have originated such as Early Vermont, Early Sunrise, Early Maine, and several other varieties, and today Hall's Early Rose is much the best of the same family. In many hands by careless selection of seed, it has deteriorated in yield and uniformity of the tubers. It improved with me all the time. Most of the stock of this variety being mixed. Where this old sort has been the favorite, try Hall's pedigree seed. The demand for my seed of this variety increases every season. My seed are fine, try them, order early. Price per peck, 60 cents; bushel, \$1.50; barrel, \$3.50.

EARLIEST IN THE WORLD—I consider the Earliest In the World potato to be the earliest potato grown, for several years I have been trying to get the earliest potato on the market to offer my customers. I have tried a number of varieties every year, that great claims have been made for, but the Earliest In the World surpasses them all in earliness. I can grow it from six to ten days earlier than other standard early varieties. It is a good strong grower, round, pink color the flesh is white and quality good. I am so well satisfied that this is the earliest potato grown, I will give \$2.50 for one pound of seed earlier. If you have anything earlier we want it. Price 1 lb post paid, 35c; per peck, 75c; half bushel, \$1; barrel, \$5.

EARLY FORTUNE—The Early Fortune introduced by F. B. Mills in 1893 is making a wonderful record wherever planted. It is one of the strongest growers among early varieties. It has made such unusual development in three respects, its ripening qualities enormous productiveness, and the strong and vigorous growth it makes, and is such a good potato that I do not think it can be praised too highly for its merits. Its handsome form and color is similar to that of the Early Rose. Price per peck, 60c; bushel, \$1.75.

NEW QUEEN—Introduced from Maine. It has not failed to yield as surprisingly beautiful crop of handsome potatoes as ever seen. It grows large size mealy and closely resembles the White Elephant and Beauty of Hebron in color and shape. The introducer claims this to be the earliest and best yielder, superior in quality, of any variety yet introduced. Price per peck 60c; bushel, \$1.60; barrel \$4. See discount.

BURPEE'S EXTRA EARLY—First introduced six years ago, very early oval, skin white with flesh tint eyes, even with surface, giving the tuber a handsome appearance. They are uniformly of good size with very few small ones. The flesh is pure white, extra fine grained and of best tasting quality. The tubers grow compact in the hill with strong, healthy, deep green foliage. Samuel Wilson, Mechanicsville, Pa., says: "It has proved the best early potato for a main crop we have ever tried." Try it, fine. Price per peck 65c. bushel \$1.60; barrel \$4. See discounts.

THORBOURN.—A very desirable early variety, very productive and excellent quality. It is a seedling from Beauty of Hebron, which it somewhat resembles, but it is a decided improvement on that variety. If you have been planting Beauty of Hebron, plant Hall's High Bred Thorbourn and you will have a much better potato every way. Price, per peck, 60c; bushel, \$1.60; barrel, \$4.00.

HENDERSON'S EARLY PURITAN.—This new variety originated with Mr. E. S. Coy, of Washington Co., N. Y. Originator of the well known and popular Early Beauty of Hebron. Mr. Coy says his Early Puritan far excels the Beauty of Hebron in productiveness and quality, which is saying a great deal in its favor. The skin and flesh are very white, it cooks dry, and mealy even when half grown. The vines grow strong, fast and vigorous. They are early and fine. Try second crop. Peck, 65 cents; bushel, \$1.60; barrel, \$4.00

MEDIUM LATE VARIETIES.

I cannot grow two crops the same season from late potatoes, and the five varieties named below are only one crop seed, planted late in the season.

MAUL'S IRISH DAISY.—New potato, described by the introducer in part: "A seedling of the Empire State. They ripen with Rural New Yorker No. 2, White Star and Monroe Seedling, and will out-yield any one of these varieties two to one. Price, per peck, 75 cents; bushel, \$2.20; barrel, \$4.00.

Rural New Yorker, per peck, 60 cents; bushel, \$1.25; barrel, \$3.00

Mammoth Pearl, per peck, 60 cents; bushel, \$1.25; barrel, \$3.00.

White Star, per peck, 60 cents; bushel, \$1.25; barrel, \$3.00.

Burbank Seedling, per peck, 60 cents; bushel, \$1.50; barrel, \$2.75.

HALL'S POTATO CULTURE.

How to grow them in the largest quantity and finest quality, with the least expenditure of time and labor, carefully considering all the latest improvements in this branch of agriculture. Price, by mail, 10 cents, in cash or stamps. Sent with an order that amounts to \$2.00. Please say you want it.

Queens County, N. Y., Nov. 28, 1896. Mr. J. W. Hall, Dear Sir:—I received a letter from you last week, asking about my potato crop this season. It was very good & like it all through, about as good I think as I ever had. The crop from all kinds of seed that I purchased from you were very fine. I think I had about 3 acres of Crown Jewell that were the best of any ones in the neighborhood. All my second crop did very good, I am perfectly satisfied with them.

Yours Respectfully,

ALBERT VAN NOSTRAND.

Mr. Albert Van Nostrand has been buying his seed potatoes from me for several years, last spring he bought 42 barrels, and wants this spring, 40 to 50.

J. W. HALL.

POTATO GROWERS.

If you wish to raise your own second crop seed I can furnish you first crop matured seed, which are the only ones that will come up with any certainty. To grow a second crop from potatoes will be ready about the 15th of July. Must have all orders by the 1st of July.

Important to Fruit Growers.

We have been engaged in raising plants and fruit for market for twenty-five years, and purchasers cannot fail to appreciate the advantage of dealing directly with a well known fruit grower until he gives him a trial. It has been 17 years since we issued our first catalogue. At that time our business was very small in comparison to its present proportions. We give special attention to our stock, in the selection and care of it, fruit growers cannot but realize that success depends upon getting genuine well grown plants, carefully packed. If it is going to take the same fertilizer care and attention to grow a crop of berries (which everyone is aware that it does) why not buy FULL GROWN LARGE and VIGOROUS plants to commence with. I find the pedigree of plants is just as important as of animals; we have for years made a careful selection of all stock, therefore feel perfectly satisfied that it will give satisfaction. We have for sale this season fine PEDIGREE plants, true to name, freshly dug from new beds that were never allowed to fruit. The past fall was very favorable for the growth of plants therefore I have a tremendous stock FREE FROM ALL DISEASE to offer to my patrons this spring. Some Western, as well as some other nurserymen, claim through their catalogue that Maryland grown stock is very inferior to their growing. I challenge any grower to produce finer, larger, healthier or better rooted plants than I can. We also claim we can trim and pack our plants as well as any other nurseryman in the business. In no other article of merchandise should quality count more than in plants. Good plants cannot be sold below a certain rate any more than good cloths at a low price without loss to some one. We are not only anxious to sell but always like to hear good reports from them, which we most always do. We do not send plants to our patrons that we would not use for our own use. We always aim to give good count and will correct all mistakes. Our aim is to treat our customers so as to make of each a friend. Our sincere wish is to make every transaction agreeable to our patrons as well as to ourselves. The price of our stock this year is more moderate than many who are in the business. In instances where parties expect to order largely we would like an opportunity to price their list. We ship plants to all parts of the country, giving entire satisfaction. As some varieties are always sure to be exhausted later in the season I would advise all orders to be sent in early. We sell largely to nurserymen and dealers. We warrant all stock true to name.

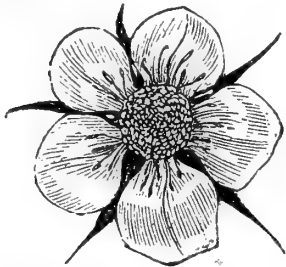
Should anyone fail to get such plants as herein described, we hold ourselves ready to fill any order gratis, but are not liable to damages otherwise. Upon your satisfaction rests our success.

As soon as plants are received, take them from the packages, loosen the bunches, puddle the roots and heel them in moist soil. Shade them from the sun with boards until ready to plant. Treated in this way scarcely a plant will fail to grow. Don't leave them in the package and pour water on them as some do, for by so doing the plants will certainly heat and spoil. When ready to set put plants in a pail, with water enough to cover the roots, and take out as wanted—not dropping them along the row to lie in the sun or wind. Always press the earth very firmly about the roots. Do not plant too deep; never cover the crown.

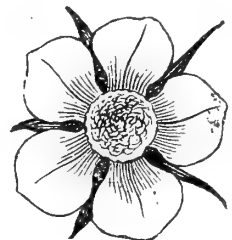
Salisbury, Md., Dec. 2, 1896. J. W. Hall, Dear Sir:—Please book me for 1,000 of Hall's Favorite. Respectfully, W. F. ALLEN, JR.

STRAWBERRIES.

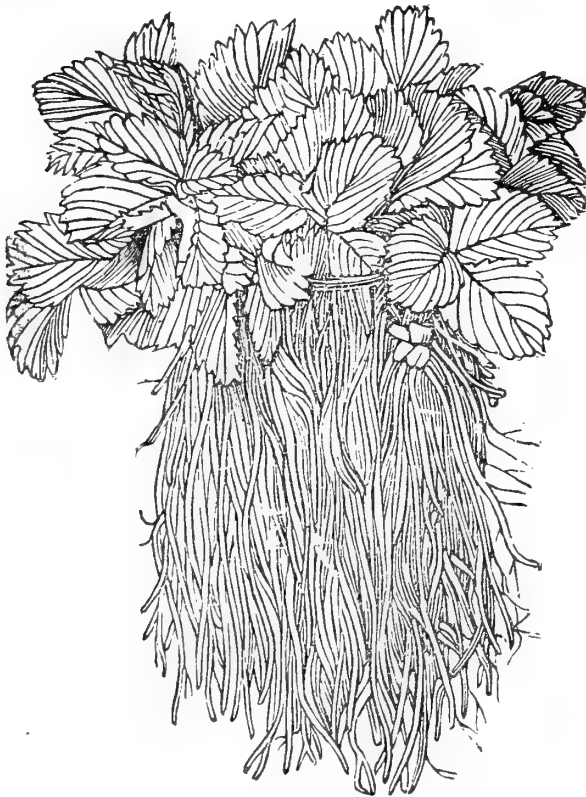
The first fruit of the season: so healthful, delicious, refreshing, and so easy of culture that no one should think of passing a single day during the fruiting season without a plentiful supply on the table. Plant them everybody. Let every family rejoice in a patch of strawberries. It is the most profitable fruit that can be grown, and pays much better than wheat and corn.



PERFECT BLOSSOM Those marked (P) are destitute of stamens and are termed pistillate or imperfect, as are shown by the following figures. Imperfect varieties must have a row of perfect flowered sorts planted every third or fourth row at least, to pollinize their blossoms. When the imperfect bloomers are properly fertilized they are the most prolific and there is no reason for any prejudice against them. Success depends in a great measure in getting fine healthy plants STRICTLY PURE and true to name, this we know our plants to be.



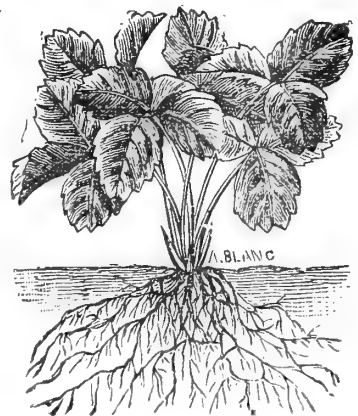
IMPERFECT.



50 GOOD PLANTS.

Packing is done in the very best manner and delivered at Marion Station, for which we make no charge. We use light and strong packages, put in plenty of moss, and pack according to the distance to insure safe arrival, and carefully separate, and mark each different variety. Mail orders are packed in moss and wrapped in oil and strong manilla paper. We have low freight and express rates.

The cut here shows you a good plant set properly. The top of the crown where the leaves come out should be just above the



SET JUST RIGHT

surface, and after the plant is set the soil should be leveled down around it.

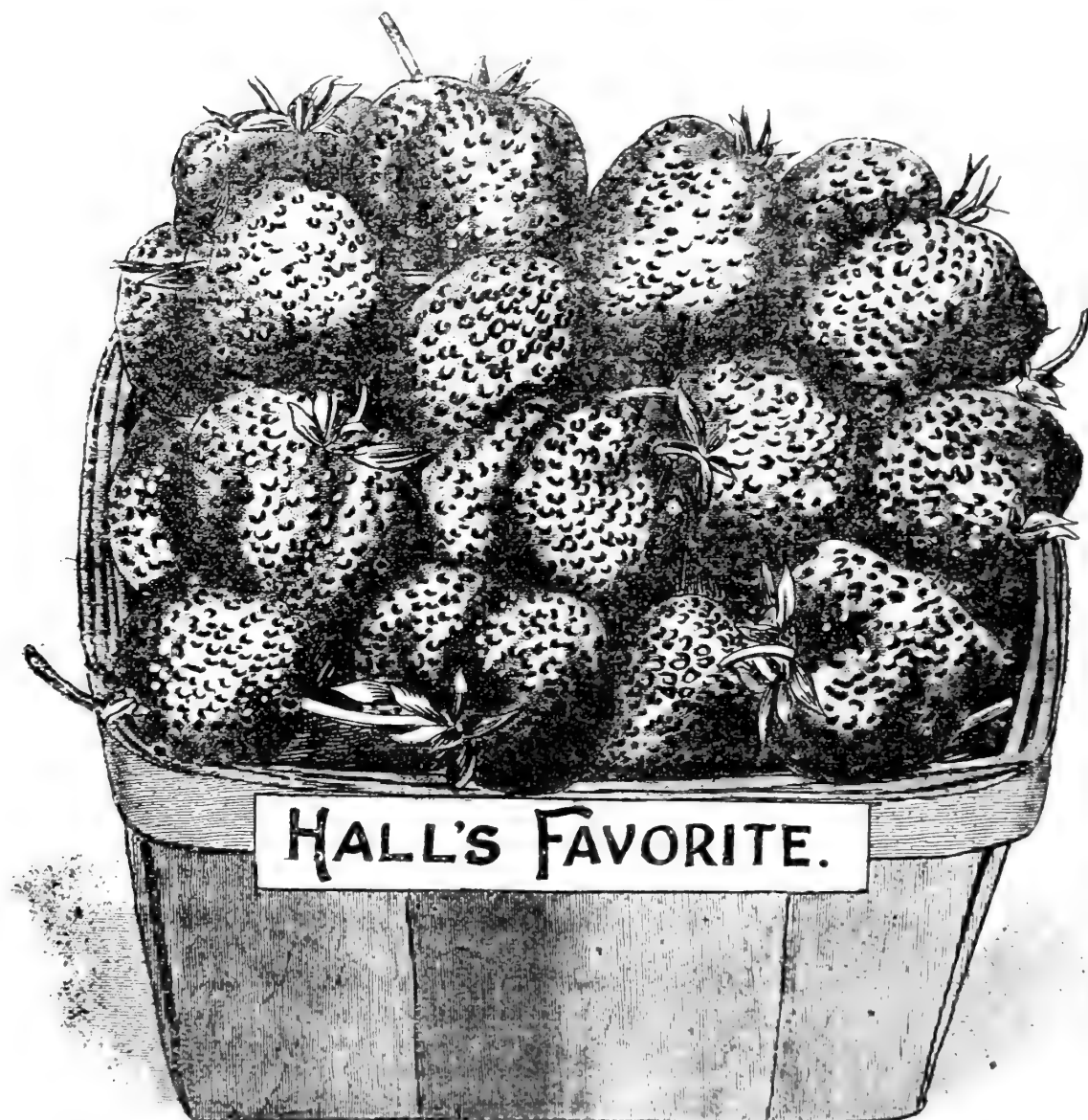
Caroline Co., Md, April 19, 1895. J. W. Hall, Marion Station, Md., Dear Sir:—The plants came to hand the 13th. Set them out the following Monday. They were in perfect condition and would have kept fully one week in the case. Were all well rooted and nicely trimmed. The 6100 ordered counted out 6300. Please accept my thanks for same. Don't think I shall lose half a dozen plants out of the lot. I shall remember you in the future.

Yours very truly,

E. B. CHURCH.

Hall's Favorite, — THE COMING NEW STRAWBERRY.

Received Highest Praise by All Who Have Seen It in Fruit.



HALL'S FAVORITE—I am now about to introduce to your notice the coming new strawberry, the Hall's Favorite. It is beyond doubt the finest strawberry ever grown. It defies any and all competition. It comes the nearest to perfection of any berry I have yet seen. One large fruit grower said when he saw the Hall's Favorite: "The climax is reached". The Hall's Favorite is a chance seedling originated at the Somerset Fruit and Plant Farm, in the year 1891, found among many other seedlings by my son W. C. Hall, and its exact origin is not known. It is now offered for sale for the first time, and no one should fail to give it a trial. It has fruited at the Somerset Fruit and Plant Farm and has never shown any SIGN OF DISEASE. I have been in the fruit business for twenty five years and during that time I have had numbers of varieties of strawberries but the Hall's Favorite is the strongest grower of any variety

that I have ever grown or seen grow. The foliage is heavy enough and thick enough to protect blossoms from frost and for mulch in winter. I have seen the vines stand from twelve to eighteen inches high on ordinary land, and upon opening the vines there was as fine fruit as any could wish to see. Season for ripening early to medium. It grows very quick from blossom, and ripens its whole crop in a very short time. Its blossom is perfect and it is a good pollinizer for pistillate varieties. The berries are large and perfect in form, more so than any other variety I have yet seen. The fruit is wonderful and they are as smooth and regular as though moulded, always of the same shape. During the five years which we have fruited this berry we have never seen an ill-shaped or cox-combed berry, coloring evenly all over with no green tips, uniform and large in size through the season, the color is of a rich crimson, the flesh highly colored through and through, and of the very best quality. The plant is perfection of vigor and luxuriant growth, possessing the ability to make a large number of strong healthy plants, having thick long matted roots, enabling it to withstand severe drought and wet weather without injury. The plants live and grow the best of any plants I have ever planted. The berry is firm and will stand shipment to distant markets. I have shipped them to Boston, providence and New York, and it sells on sight, and customers want it in preference to all other varieties. The past season it sold in New York at twenty cents per quart, and in good demand, when other varieties sold from nine to ten cents per quart, see testimonials printed herein. When crated up, with its regular large size and beautiful color, it is one of the handsomest berries ever seen, they sell on sight. **This variety has not yet fruited from home except at the Maryland and Ohio Agricultural and Experimental Stations where it has fruited three years**

The accompanying illustration is much reduced in size, as the cut was made from a photograph taken from a full size quart basket filled with berries that was selected as representing the form of the variety, and which the noted strawberry grower, W. F. Allen, Jr., of Salisbury, helped to pick. Knowing well that so many new varieties of strawberries that are put on the market that have no special merit whatever, we would not offer this wonderful berry to the public until we were satisfied of its superiority over other varieties, it gets better every year. If your object is to grow fancy berries for either home use or fancy trade that will be large and showy and sell for top prices, Hall's Favorite is what you want. For some time berry growers have been wanting a **better berry than the Bubach No. 5**, we have it in Hall's Favorite, it ripens a little earlier, perfect flower, runs larger in size throughout the season, fully as productive if not more so, it is firmer and a better carrier, it is of better quality than the Bubach by far, and as a grower the Bubach is no comparison.

The strawberry season of 1896 was the poorest in yield here for many years because the plants made a poor growth in the summer and fall of 1895, and again in the spring of 1896 owing to the severe drouth, many growers here had scarcely any fruit. The Hall's Favorite excelled any variety we had on the farm, it had a fine crop of fruit that sold well in the market. On the Somerset Fruit and Plant Farm we have a variety of soils, from heavy white clay to very light red clay land and we have fruited the Hall's Favorite on all the different soils and it has never failed to give us a large crop of fine fruit. Another feature to commend the Hall's favorite is that it remains a perfect stand of plants so long on old beds; the past season which was so unfavorable to berries here, I had the Favorite on an old bed that had on one side Haverland and on the other side Warfield No. 2, the Haverland and Warfield had about

one half a stand of plants and a very light crop of berries, while the Hall's Favorite had a perfect stand of plants that produced a fine crop of berries.

I have some inquiries to know if the Hall's Favorite will do well in different sections of the country, in answer to same will say that I see no reason why it will not, it is such a good grower and hardy constitution with all its other good qualities that it does at least deserve a trial everywhere. See Experiment Station reports. It will be tested over the country this season and there will be a demand for the plants as soon as its merits are generally known.

I have the entire stock and it will not be for sale by anyone else this spring. Order early, I have a good stock of plants but it may be exhausted before the season is over. If berry growers could be convinced of its real merit we could not begin to supply the demand, no one at all interested in strawberries should let this valuable variety go another year untried. My stock is all grown from pedigree plants which have been selected each year and not permitted to fruit. The plants I shall send out are so large and fine that they will please all who see them.

See a Few of the Testimonials.

From our catalogue of 1896:—"Berry growers, we have a new strawberry called the Hall's Favorite, that is superior to anything that we have seen and we have been growing strawberries for the past twenty-five years, and we have been in the nursery business since 1880, and during that time we have grown numbers of varieties, but, the Hall's Favorite surpasses them all; also pronounced by good judges to be the best variety grown. All persons interested in strawberries are invited to come and see them in fruiting. If you wish to see them let me know and I will let you know when to come. And of course we have had a great many successful strawberry growers from different sections to see our new berry. They have been examined by experts. One and all who have seen them urge their prompt introduction."

From THE STRAWBERRY CULTURIST, Nov. 1, 1896, Edited by W. F. Allen, Jr., Salisbury, Md.:—"As seen by the writer on Mr. Hall's farm, the Hall's Favorite is a good berry. I am not prepared to say, however, that it is more productive than the Bubach. It is certainly very large and fine colored; it is better quality than Bubach by far, and as a grower the Bubach is no comparison. Hall's Favorite would equal the Crescent in plant growth when I saw it in fruit. It had not been picked for several days, and notwithstanding it was rainy at the time, it seemed to be about as firm as Bubach. The plant is entirely healthy."

January 18, 1897, John W. Hall, Esq., Marion Sta., Md. Dear Sir:—Replying to your request for an expression of opinion with reference to your Hall's Favorite strawberry, I do not hesitate to say that, as I saw it in your field during the past season, it was the greatest berry I think I ever saw. It is perhaps the largest of all very large berries; ripens as it does a few days later than the very earliest varieties; it is as large or larger, as perfect or more so, possibly, in shape color and solidity as any other large berry that I have seen; and very prolific. I do not see how it could be more so. It is a marketable berry, and, as it seems to me much more successful. It displaces all the large varieties of berries known to this section. I predict for it a great future.

S. FRANK MILES, JR.

S. Frank Miles is a brother to Congressman Miles and a large strawberry grower at Marion Station, Md.

Coons & Cole, Produce Commission Merchants, 194 Duane Street, New York, say:—"We can strongly recommend the Hall's Favorite strawberry as a good seller and a good carrier, and in fact we may say that we sold said berries at an advance of 5 to 10 cents per quart above other first-class berries, the buyers, in making cases on a poor market, standing at the rail of our truck and taking all the Hall's Favorite quick at high prices. In one case of my recollection a wholesale buyer took all the Hall's Favorite at 5 cents more than we asked him for other first class varieties of your own growing, and left the latter for another customer. My candid opinion is that the Hall's Favorite is the best berry ever raised in your county, from every stand point."

From the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Wooster, Wayne Co., O., Sept. 19, 1896:—"Dear Sir: In reply to your query concerning the variety sent here for trial, I can say that it was quite satisfactory last season. The plants are healthy and prolific. The berries are quite large, of good form and color. The fact that the berries run of a uniform size throughout the season is very much in its favor; it makes plants freely and is one of the best growers we have. On the whole we think well of it, and rate it as a promising variety,"

Yours truly,

W. J. GREEN.

From the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station, College Park, Prince George Co., Md.:—"Dear Sir: In reply to your favor, will say the strawberry we have from you and designated by your direction, the J. W. Hall. The plant is a strong grower and runs freely. The berries are uniform in size, of attractive color and good flavor. I regard it as a good berry for home or market purposes."

Yours truly,

JAMES S. ROBINSON.

Marion Station, Md., May, 1896. Mr. J. W. Hall. Dear Sir:—Having heard so much talk about your new strawberry, the Hall's Favorite, several persons and myself went to see it while fruiting on your farm. It was pronounced by all to be the finest berry ever seen. The berries were nearly all of the same size, which was very large round, beautiful color, excellent flavor, and very firm. The plant is a strong vigorous grower, healthy appearance and very productive. Other varieties growing by the side of the Hall's Favorite were no comparison in plant or fruit. Yours Respectfully:

EDWARD W. TULL, P. M. at Marion Sta., Md.

Rehoboth, Sept. 26, '96. J. W. Hall, Esq., Marion Station, Md. Dear Sir:—While making my professional rounds last May, I had occasion to pass your model nursery and truck farm near the above named place. It was then and on that farm that my attention was called to several leading varieties of strawberries, among which was "Hall's Favorite," a strong staminate variety. It is evidently a strong grower; more productive, larger and more shapely than the Sharpless, or Bubach; color beautiful crimson, flavor, good; sub-acid, hence a good shipper, maturing with Crescent seedling. In short it is, in my opinion, the berry for excellence. It is here to stay. Please book me for 1000.

F. A. ADAMS, M. D.

Parsonville, Somerset Co., Md. J. W. Hall. Dear Sir:—Your Hall's Favorite strawberry, as I saw them at your place, is the finest I ever saw. They have every quality you claim for them. They cannot be beat.

Yours Truly,

E. S. PARSONS.

May 21, 1896, J. W. Hall:—Hall's Favorite 20 cents per quart, in demand; other kinds 9 to 10 cents per quart.

COONS & COLE.

GLEN MARY.—It is described by its Introducer as follows: The Glen Mary is a chance seedling which originated with Mr. James A. Ingram, Chester County, Pa., an uncle of Mr. Edward T. Ingram, the well known originator of the famous Brandywine strawberry. In productiveness it far surpasses the Crescent, not in number of berries but in quarts. The season of 1895. one quarter of an acre picked at the rate of 1280 quarts per acre at a single picking, and over 12,000 during the season.

John Little of Ontario, says: I have fruited the Glen Mary twice and am well pleased with it, both in plants and fruit; plants a luxuriant grower, fruit very large.

Geo. F. Beedle of New Hampshire, writes: It is a pleasure to speak well of the Glen Mary strawberry as it is such a productive variety of very large, fine looking fruit, more productive than Brandywine, Wm. Belt, Lovett or Cyclone.

A. L. Smith of Washington, says: Glen Mary is a very strong, healthy plant, very prolific, of good size and bright glossy color, generally of good form. I like it, with me it is way ahead of the Brandywine.

BRUNETTE.—A new variety from Indiana, which we have not fruited. It made a splendid growth, although the drouth was severe; foliage is healthy, free from rust, multiplies freely. The berries are said to be remarkably fine quality, from medium to large in size; uniformly round, and perfect in shape; dark crimson color, firm, very rich and luscious; handsome and attractive, commanding highest price in market.

ORIOLE.—Plant a vigorous grower, with pistillate blossoms, similar to Bubach in shape, dark scarlet color; seeds sufficiently prominent to make it a first-class shipper; flesh very firm, deep scarlet color to the very centre, rich and high flavor; very productive. Season about three days later than Michael.

IDEAL.—A strong, vigorous plant with perfect blossoms; fruit large to very large, calyx prominent. The berry is broadly heart-shaped, very uniform in shape, never coxcombed; color bright scarlet; flesh very firm, deep scarlet throughout, quality excellent. Vines very productive. Begins ripening about four days ahead of Bubach, and continues in bearing much longer.—Originator

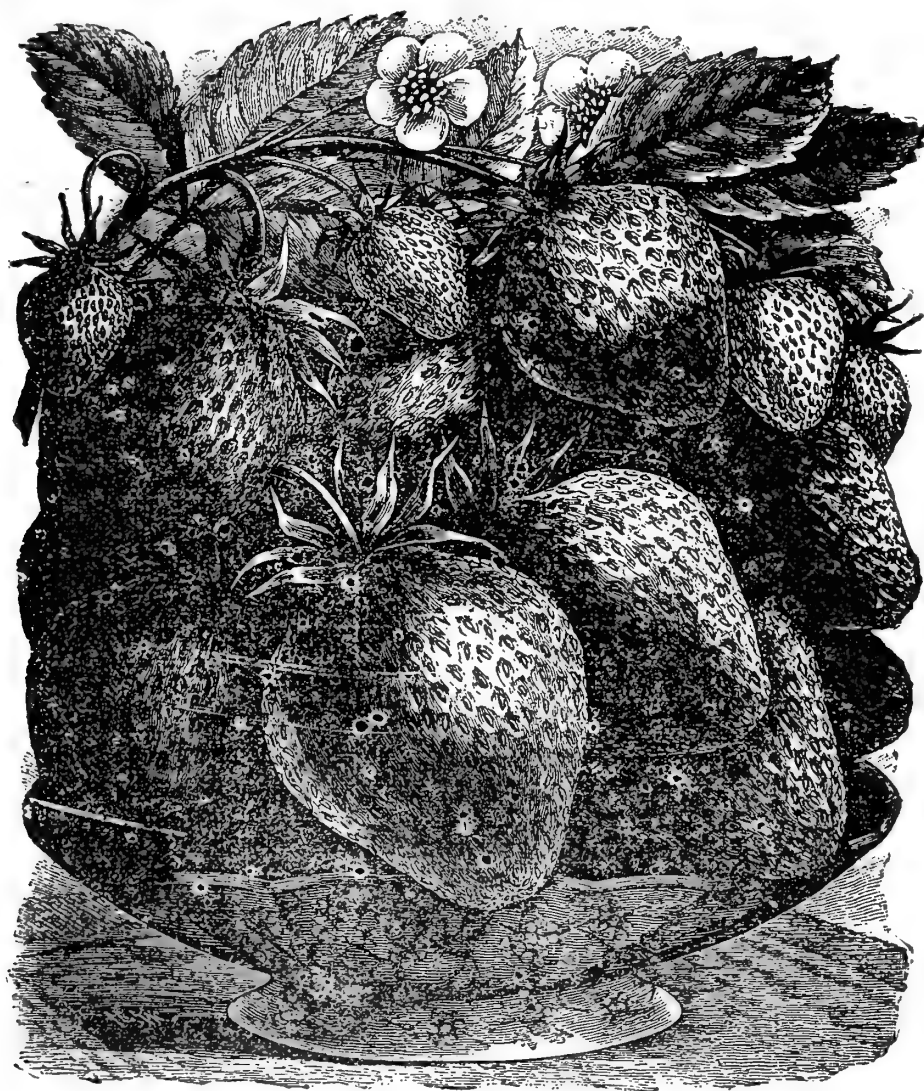
GARDNER.—From Iowa come this promising new strawberry, where the seedling was accidentally found. The plant grows well, is strong, robust and healthy. The berries are crimson, very firm and of excellent quality, stands shipping well, is quite like the Manchester in productiveness and form, but of better color, firmer and has a perfect blossom. Early.

WM. BELT.—The plant is a luxuriant grower and very productive. It has a perfect blossom, the fruit is the largest we ever saw. On more than one occasion we have had 12 berries that measured a quart; the first berries to ripen are very apt to be coxcombed but all the others are of regular conical form. They color all over and are as red and glossy as any in cultivation, as firm as other berries and among the best in quality.—M. Crawford.

CLYDE.—It originated with Stayman & Black. It originated with these gentlemen several years ago, and has been thoroughly tested by them before putting it on the market. They describe it as follows: Very early and the best berry in all respects that has come under our observation; immensely productive of large to very large berries of most excellent quality. As a shipper it is second to none.

SUNNYSIDE—Originated in Massachusetts. This is what the introducer says about this berry: "It is the latest, is vigorous, and never rusts, is immensely productive. It is by all odds the handsomest berry ever exhibited, and would be selected among a hundred.

BOUNCER.—Hale Bros. describes the Bouncer as follows: A lady came in to our office one day last June with a basket of the largest strawberries we had ever seen. She told us that picking had been going on two weeks and these were not the largest. Two or three days later we visited the plat and found the vines still loaded with enormous size berries of the minor type, but many times larger than that variety. We at once bought control of the stock; this is the strawberry that Hale Bros. paid A. J. Allen \$50.00 in gold for naming. Has not fruited here.

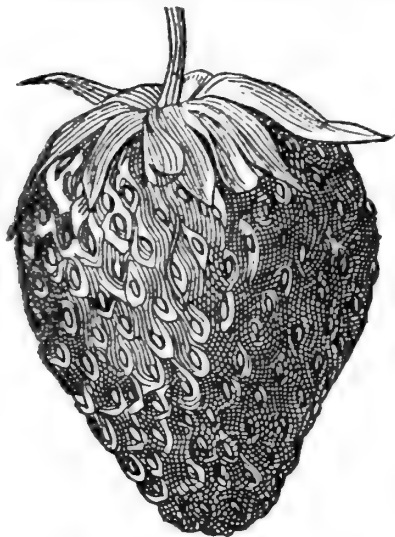


LADY THOMSON.

LADY THOMSON.—This was originated in Wayne county, N.C., with Mr. Thompson, whose name it bears. The berries are good size and productive; too soft for distant markets. I have good reports from it in some sections; not profitable with me. My plants of it are very fine.

TUBES.—A firm solid berry; originated in Anna Arundel Co., Md., where it has been grown for market for the past five years. Berries large, deep crimson, firm, of fine quality. Plants large and vigorous, a good bearer; very promising for shipment to market. Early.

WARFIELD NO. 2.—This is a good berry, it is hard to tell which is the most productive, Warfield or Haverland. It is good size and uniform, striking in beauty; it is one of the leading market berries, of excellent flavor, dark brilliant red color, firm; and one of the best shippers. It is a vigorous grower, perfectly healthy and very productive, ripens with the Crescent, but much better. It commands good prices in the market. My plants are very fine this year.



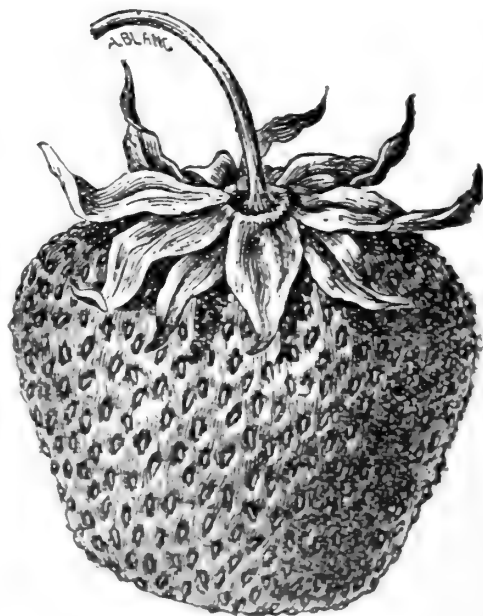
WARFIELD: NO. 2.

MARY.—The berries are uniformly of conical form, with berries apex, regular in size and shape, deep crimson in color of rich quality. Its great firmness and solidity render it of exceptional value for distant shipments.

BUBACH NO. 5,—The Eubach is very popular and one of the best berries in every respect. The foliage is very large, dark green, and very healthy; it grows strong and vigorous, very productive. The fruit is of a very uniform large size, bright crimson color, of good quality, medium early, continues a long time in bearing.

TENNESSEE PROLIFIC.—Is one of good medium early variety, large size and quite productive. It is very vigorous, healthy, with never a spot of rust. I believe it is a variety that will do well under most any circumstances. It has a strong staminate blossom and is especially valuable as a pollinizer. This variety is largely grown in the vicinity of Norfolk, Va., one of the largest strawberry sections in the world.

ANNIE LAURIE.—This plant is from Ohio where it has been very favorably received. The plant is strong and stocky, with luxuriant healthy foliage, and bears well on both light and heavy soil. The fruit is medium size, light glossy color, almost round; moderately firm and of fine quality.

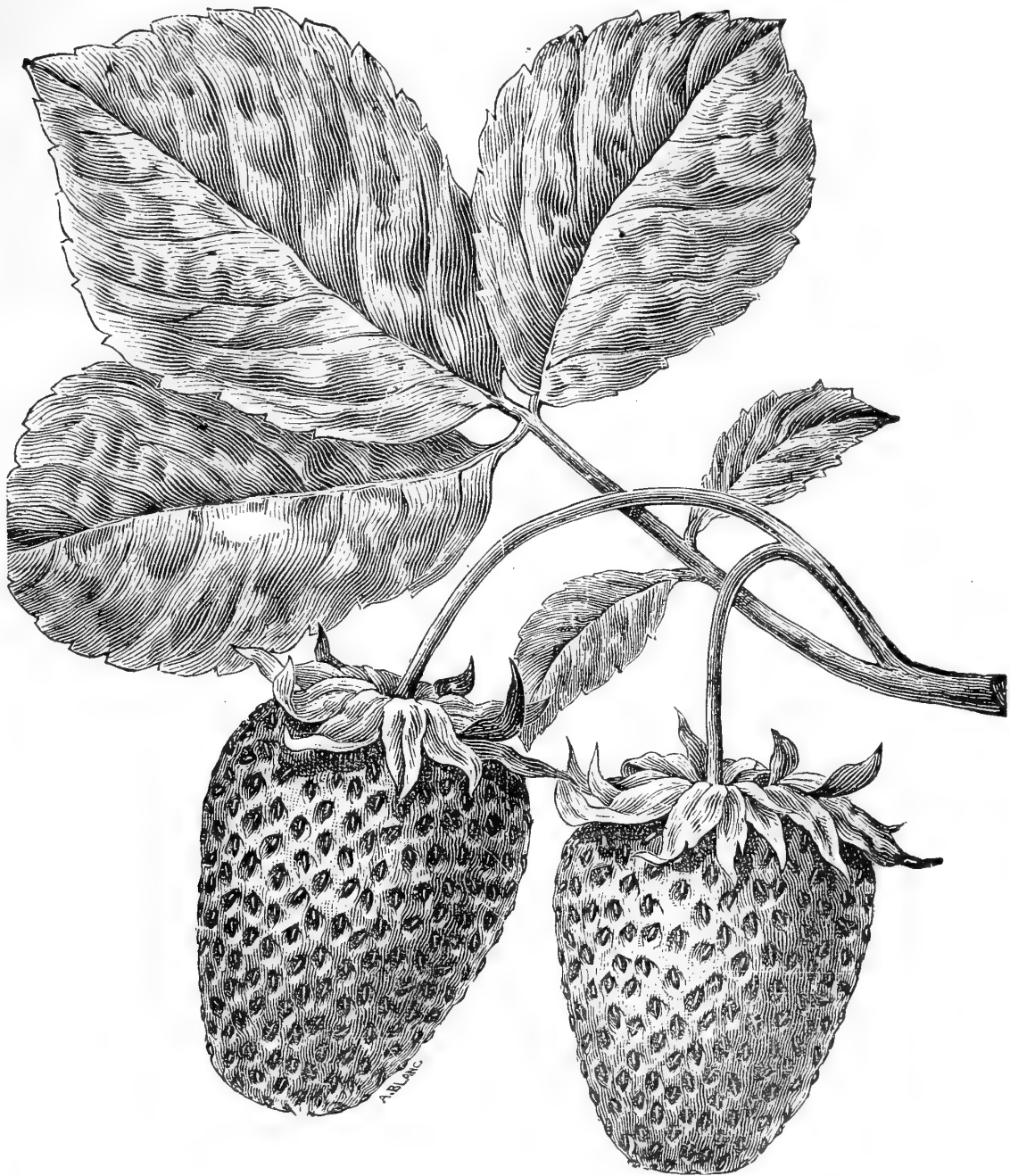


TENNESSEE PROLIFIC.

LEADER.—This berry, when everything is favorable, is very fine. It is large in size, medium early, best quality, and very attractive. It commands good prices in market. In stiff springy soil it will please.

GANDY.—The best late strawberry yet introduced, and the leading late variety with fruit growers all over the country. In size and firmness it is all that can be desired, good grower, the berries are large, very uniform, bright crimson color, handsome and showy, firm and of good quality. With good soil and good culture it cannot be excelled as a late berry. Succeeds everywhere, and should have a place in every strawberry bed. We can supply our customers with fine plants.

OCEAN CITY.—The Ocean City comes highly recommended. It has not fruited with me yet. My plants are fine.



HOFFMAN SEEDLING.

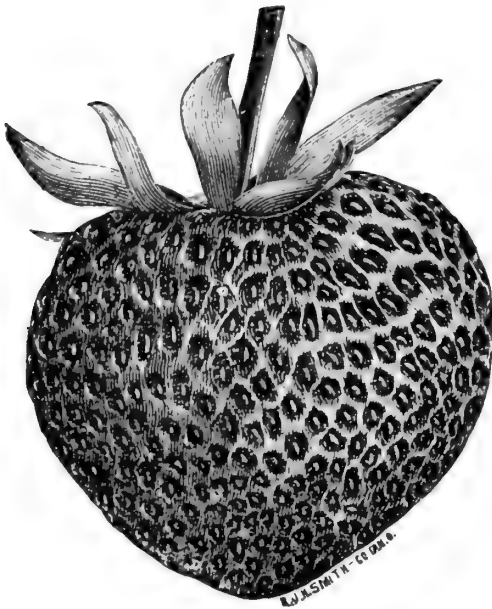
HOFFMAN SEEDLING.—One of the earliest, and true stock, good size and the finest of all early kinds. Being one of the most popular varieties grown in the South for Northern markets. Beware of mixed stock for the country is flooded. The plants that I offer are true to name and fine.

SAUNDERS.—A Canadian berry of great value to the market grower; has a perfect blossom, and is productive; a good runner. The fruit is large, conical, slightly flattened, and has a depression on one or both sides. It is deep red and remarkably glossy. The flesh is of the same color, and has a sprightly agreeable flavor. This is also a very fine variety to plant with pistillate sorts.

Sumit Co., Fla.; Nov. 21, 1895. John W. Hall, Marion Station, Md., Dear Sir:—The strawberry plants came in fine order. They are fine and I would rather pay \$8.00 per thousand for them than a dollar per thousand for some I bought in this State. With the long delay they were in better condition than what I bought here and only had to come a hundred miles.

Yours respectfully,

H. V. BETTS.



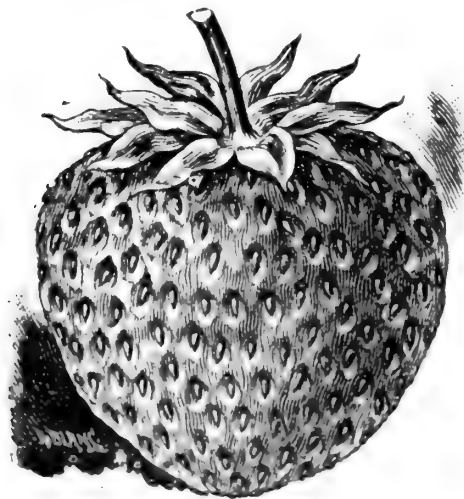
BRANDYWINE.

BRANDYWINE.—This new variety after thorough test, receives the most unstinted praise. Plants vigorous, healthy, hardy and very perfect. Blossoms perfect, fruit large, of good form; bright red all over, bearing a good crop; season medium to late. A good one.

HAVERLAND.—Of great value everywhere. It is a vigorous grower, productive, fruit is very large, moderately firm, bright glossy crimson color, of good quality. This is a grand berry, one of the very best introduced for several years. I say plant it. It will please, season early medium. We have a fine stock of pedigree plants.



RIO.—This is a good early variety; large for an early berry. It has a strong healthy foliage, perfect bloom, not quite as early as the Michael's Early, but follows closely after it. The fruit is large in size, beautifully colored, firm, and a good shipper. It is very productive, having a large calyx which makes it look very handsome in the basket.



RIO.

CYCLONE.—It is a healthy, luxuriant grower, and a good bearer. Fruit large, bright scarlet color, long conical shape, firm and of good quality. Plant vigorous, foliage healthy, very productive.

ENORMOUS.—This variety is not yet known to many, but in a few years will take a more prominent place on the strawberry list than the Bubach, this being originated by the well known J. G. Bubach, who says, "I consider it equal to the best I ever saw and I have been fruiting all the best kinds introduced for over thirty-five years.—Introducer.

LOVETT.—This is a variety that succeeds everywhere so far as I know. Fruit medium to large, firm and of good quality, very productive, plant vigorous and hardy; reliable market berry; mid season.

DAYTON.—Above medium in size, quite productive, quality high, foliage good, season quite early. It is a good yielder of very fine fruit.

CRESCENT.—Too well known to need description. My stock of this old variety is large and fine.

CRYSTAL CITY.—Extra early and profitable in some sections.

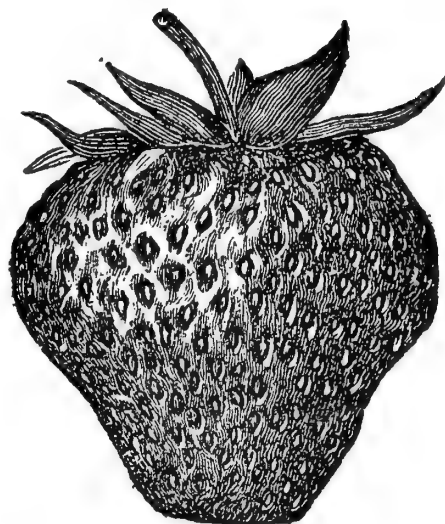
CLOUD.—A strong, vigorous grower, very productive and very firm, season medium.

WILSON.—Too well known to need description.

CUMBERLAND TRIUMPH.—A strong, healthy grower, moderately productive, fruit large.

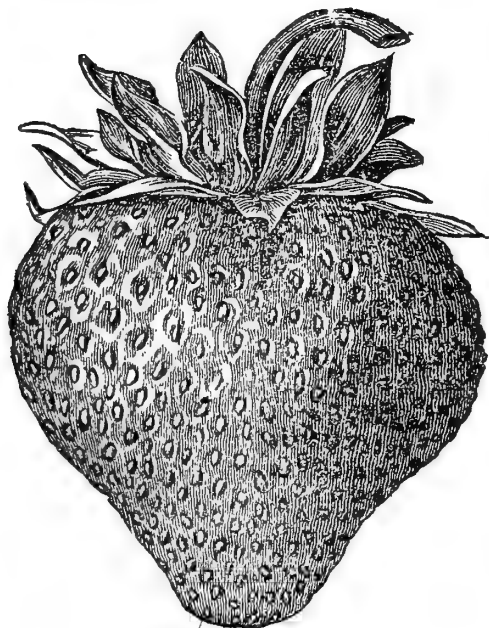
MITCHEL'S EARLY.—One or two days earlier than Bedar Wood, very popular in many localities and discarded in others.

BEDAR WOOD.—This is the most productive of the early varieties. It ripens about three days before Mitchel's and a week ahead of the Crescent. Gives heavy shipping from the start and holds out until the rush of mid season. Recommended by Mr. M. Crawford as the best early variety.



Crescent,

MEEK'S EARLY.—Originated with James Meek, of Anne Arundel Co., Md. Blossoms perfect. Plants large and stalky, resembling Bubach in this respect, time of ripening with the very earliest. Such as Hoffman, Mitchel's Early, etc., being large and more firm than any except the Hoffman. It is destined to become the leading berry of many sections; the plants are large and a fine grower. My stock is fine.



MEEK'S EARLY.

BISEL.—Originated by D. L. Bissel in 1887, a seedling of the Wilson. It is very productive, fruit large and of fine appearance, firm and of good quality, a good shipping berry. It was awarded first premium by the Marion County Horticultural Society three years in succession. Promising market sort. Mid-season.

JESSIE.—Its quality is high and size large. Succeeds on strong rich land. It has local habits, with some fine, with others a failure.

Montgomery Co, Ohio, May 5 1896. Mr. Jno. W. Hall, Dear Sir:—Plants ordered of you came to hand yesterday in excellent shape. They are very fine plants, and we are well pleased with them.

Yours Respectfully,

HYRE BROS.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 24, 1895. John W. Hall, Dear Sir:—The strawberry and asparagus plants ordered by me some time ago, were duly received and I believe the finest I ever bought. Yours respectfully, EDWARD P. BLISS.



THE
"GREENVILLE"

GREENVILLE.—This berry has become generally known throughout the country. It is a vigorous grower and very productive of large size berries. Many who fruited it last season speak of it in the highest terms. With me it is very soft.

SHARPLESS.—Strong vigorous grower, very large, good quality, and very popular. My plants are very fine.

ELEANOR.—Introduced in 1895, by J. T. Lovett Co., Little Silver, N. J. The introducer has sent out many valuable berries, of him I obtained the Eleanor. It is uniform in size, color and shape, never coxcombed, coloring all over when ripe; a perfect blossom; very firm, of a scarlet color, ripening early.

MARSHALL.—A large fine berry for the amateur. It is of a dark crimson color, firm, flesh highly colored and of superior quality.

BARTON'S ECLIPSE.—Large, of the same family as Haverland. The fruit is very large, of good form and color. It will make a great market berry, as it ripens medium early. It makes a large crop of fine berries.

WOLVERTON.—A splendid berry and a pollenizer of strongest potency. Foliage very vigorous, berries large, bright color and good. Succeed everywhere. Medium early.

PRICE LIST.

We will send strawberry plants at dozen rates by mail, postage paid, but at 100 rates persons must add 20 cents to pay postage. Those marked (P) have pistillate or imperfect blossoms and must be planted near some variety with perfect blossom to fruit them. I will furnish 6 of a kind at 12 rates, 40 or over at 100 rates, 500 at 1000 rates.

	12	100	1000
Annie Laurie.....	\$0 30	\$0 75	\$6 00
Bouncer.....	30	1 00	5 50
Bubach No. 5, (P).....	20	50	2 50
Brandywine	30	75	4 00
Brunette.....	30	1 00	8 00
Bisel, (P).....	25	50	3 00
Bedar Wood.....	20	40	2 25
Barton Eclipse, (P).....	20	50	2 50
Crescent, (P).....	20	40	1 75
Crystal City.....	20	40	2 00
Cloud	20	40	2 00
Columbia.....	20	40	2 00
Cumberland Triumph.....	20	50	2 50
Clyde.....	30	1 00	8 00
Cyclone	20	50	2 50
Dayton.....	20	50	2 50
Eleanor.....	20	50	3 00
Enormous, (P).....	30	80	6 00
Enhance.....	20	50	3 00
Gardner	30	50	6 00
Greenville, (P).....	20	50	2 50
Glen Mary,.....	60	3 00	25 00
Gandy.....	30	50	2 50
Hall's Favorite.....	2 00	10 00	80 00
Haverland, (P).....	25	50	2 50
Hoffman.....	20	50	1 75
Ideal.....	50	1 50	10 00
Jesse.....	25	50	3 00
Lovett.....	20	50	2 50
Leader.....	25	50	3 50
Lady Thompson.....	20	50	2 00
Marshall	30	75	5 00
Mary, (P).....	30	50	5 00
Meek's Early.....	20	40	2 00
Michael Early.....	20	40	1 75
Oriole.....	50	1 50	10 00
Ocean City.....	30	60	5 00
Parker Earle.....	30	80	5 00
Rio.....	20	50	3 00
Saunders	25	70	2 75
Sharpless.....	20	50	2 50
Sunnyside.....	30	80	4 00
Tennessee Prolific.....	20	50	2 25
Tubbs	25	50	3 00
Woolverton.....	25	50	3 00
Warfield No. 2, (P).....	20	40	2 00
Wilson True.....	25	50	2 50
Wm. Belt.....	30	80	7 00



MILLER RED RASPBERRY.

This new raspberry originated in Sussex county, Del. It has been kept from the public for some years by a few growers who preferred to market the fruit rather than sell the plants. Only a short discription is necessary. The bush is a short, healthy, vigorous grower, not quite so tall as Cuthbert but

rather more stocky. It is well calculated to hold up the immense crop of fruit with which it loads itself. As compared with Cuthbert and Thomson, growing in the same field, it has never yet shown any sign of winter killing while these have both suffered in mild winters. the berry is as large as Cuthbert, holding its size to the end of the season, round in shape, color bright red, does not fade but will hold its color longer after shipment than any other red variety, core very small, does not crumble, making it the finest and best shipping berry in existence, has not the flat taste of some varieties but a rich fruity flavor entirely its own. The time of ripening is with the very earliest. The first picking being with Thompsons Early, June 11th, the Miller producing double the quantity of berries at each picking that Thompson did in the same field under the same conditions fully as prolific as Cuthbert. It does not seem particular as to soil, having been fruited on light sandy, gravelly and heavy clay soils with equal success.

LOUDON—It ripens moderately early and hangs to the last, large size and solid. The Rural New Yorker says: "The Louden is the coming raspberry."

PRICE OF RASPBERRIES.

RED.				BLACK CAPS.			
	12 by mail	100 by Exp.	1000by Exp.		12 by mail	100 by Exp.	1000by Exp.
Miller.....	\$0 60	\$1 50	\$10 00	Greggs.....	\$0 50	\$1 00	\$7 00
Cuthbert.....	50	1 00	7 00	Soulhegan	50	1 00	7 00
Brandywine.....	50	1 00	8 00	Tyler.....	50	1 00	7 00
Hansell.....	50	1 00	7 00	Lovett	50	1 50	10 00
Louden.....	1 25	6 00		Palmer.....	50	1 00	7 00
Thomsons Early....	75	1 00	7 00				

BLACKBERRIES.

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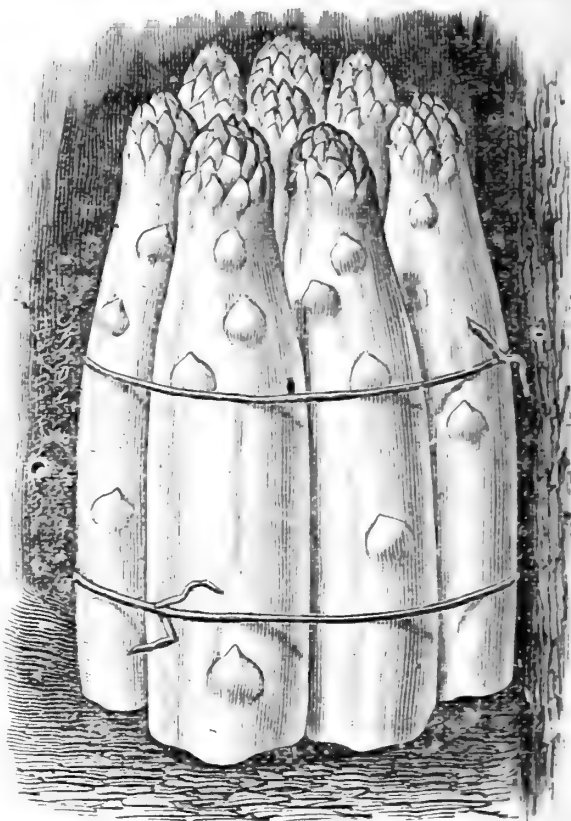
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